

November 19, 2010

The Glastonbury Town Council
2155 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re: Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up-to-date on various topics.

1. **Diamond Lake Road – Transformer**

A question was asked at the recent public information hearing about the CL&P transformer installed some years ago along Diamond Lake Road. I want to confirm that no Town agency reviewed or approved this installation. According to CL&P, new residential construction and electric demand in this area necessitated this new installation.

2. **Riverfront Park – State Grants**

A question was asked at the November 10th meeting concerning any deadlines for allocation of state grants approved to date for the Riverfront Park Phase II project. The initial \$135,000 grant award is complete and closed out. The \$1.6 million project period extends through March 2014 and the most recent \$200,000 extends 5 years (late 2014/early 2015).

3. **State Register of Historic Places**

Per the attached, the United Methodist Church located off Manchester Road is now listed on the State Register of Historic Places.

4. **Energy Savings**

A question was asked by Councilmember Coon on the ability to quantify energy cost savings achieved through various energy efficiency initiatives by the Town. To date, the net cost of energy efficiency work totals approximately \$214,800. Of this approximately \$51,000 of improvements have been in service at least 12 months. At least 12 months is required to evaluate cost savings from a particular project. Annual cost savings total \$25,697. This equates to a 2 year payback as compared to the \$51,000 or 8 year payback on the \$214,800. With additional data, the \$25,697 in savings will increase as a percentage of the net \$214,800.

5. **Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces**

Per the attached, the Council is being asked to consider a new ordinance prohibiting the use of Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces. I was asked to provide background information in this regard. A copy of Public Act 05-227 is attached. This sets forth certain requirements for outdoor wood burning furnaces which are subject to a building permit. I have also attached a report on this topic. To date the Town has issued 3 building permits for these systems.

6. **Solar Panels:**

The Town has the opportunity to have solar panels installed at selected Town buildings at no cost to the community. The vendor providing this service secures stimulus funding and the future opportunity to sell Renewal Energy Certificates (RECs) to fund this installation. As I understand, other communities including East Hampton, Mansfield, and others have installed or are considering an installation through this program. Fire Companies 2, 3 and 4 are identified as good locations with estimated annual electric savings of \$1,800 per location or \$5,400 annually. This matter is under review by Town staff and provided all is in order, I would like to proceed with 1 or more installations.

I will be happy to review the preceding and any other items Tuesday evening.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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attachments